

a certificate to that effect from the Colonial Treasurer, and what provision had been made for executing the duties of the absent officer.

8. On his arrival in this country the officer on leave will report himself to the Secretary of State, transmitting the Governor's despatch, and mentioning the place of his residence, and should he subsequently change his residence, he must notify the same to the Secretary of State.

9. The preceding regulations regarding leave of absence are not to be understood as applying to or as designed to prevent or to regulate any vacation not exceeding six weeks in the whole in any one year, during which any civil officer may apply for and obtain a leave of absence for the purpose of relaxation from business. In such cases no report to the Secretary of State will be necessary, nor will any abatement of salary be made, it being understood that the officer absenting himself will, with the concurrence or sanction of the Governor, have made such arrangements as may be necessary for the intermediate and gratuitous discharge of his duties by some one of his brother officers.

10. The longest period for which the Governor and Council will be at liberty to grant leave of absence without the previous sanction of the Secretary of State, is, in each case, as follows :—

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| Mediterranean . . . . .  | 6 months |
| West Coast of Africa, North America, and West Indies . . . . . | 9 „      |